

Washington July 28<sup>th</sup> 1886

My dear Sir

I have been informed that Timothy Dumm and Christopher Watson worthy men, and contributors of mine in whose welfare I feel a deep interest have been informed their services will not be needed in the hunt after a period of absence. As they are I believe within the Department under your supervision may I enquire if there is not a hope even that the act of



dismissal may be  
abrogated, and if  
not, how it can be  
averted: I have been  
appealed to in be-  
half of Dunn espe-  
cially and I am  
sure you it will be  
especially gratify-  
ing to know he  
and Watson may  
yet be retained.  
An early reply  
will oblige

Very truly  
Yours  
Thomas B. Florence

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28. July. 1860

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Washington

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asks why Dunn & Malson  
were removed

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